

DISCUSSION OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20, 22, 25-30, and 32-43 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and/or to place the claims in a better format for examination on the merits.

Support for amended Claim 23 is found in original Claim 1.

Claim 24 has been canceled.

No new matter has been added.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The rejection of Claim 1-3, 6-9, 18, and 19-43 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 02/40751 in view of Lee et al (2004/0217434) is traversed.

Lee was published on November 4, 2004 whereas the present application claims priority to Japanese application 2004-007754 filed on January 14, 2004. To perfect priority to the Japanese application, Applicants submit herewith a certified English translation of the same. Thus, Lee is no longer available as prior art and the rejection over WO'751 in combination with Lee is not valid.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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